A BUYER'S CHECKLIST FOR INVESTMENT TEAMS

Five tests your AI research tool should pass

Before you trust an answer with an investment view, check what the system was allowed to read and whether you can defend what came next.

Swipe for the five tests →

WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

AI produces answers. Investment decisions require evidence.

Finding a relevant passage is the easy part. The harder questions come afterwards.

- Was the system entitled to use that document?
- Is it the current, authoritative version?
- Can an analyst reproduce the reasoning?
- Will the system say when the evidence runs out?

TEST 1 OF 5

Permission correctness

WHAT TO ASK

Ask the same question as two users with different rights. Then revoke access and see how long restricted material stays retrievable.

A cited disclosure is still a disclosure.

HOW CONTOURS ANSWERS

Entitlement is checked before retrieval, and access is auditable.

TEST 2 OF 5

Provenance, not just citation

WHAT TO ASK

For each material claim, can you see the source, the passage and the version it came from?

A link at the end of an answer does not show what the system relied on.

HOW CONTOURS ANSWERS

Structured analysis with paragraph-level citations back to the source.

TEST 3 OF 5

Retrieval on difficult material

WHAT TO ASK

Test long reports, tables, charts and footnotes. Include questions whose answer is not in the documents.

Research is not clean text. The figure that matters is often in a chart or a footnote.

HOW CONTOURS ANSWERS

Analysis across text, tables, charts and financial data.

TEST 4 OF 5

Refusal and uncertainty

WHAT TO ASK

Ask something your documents cannot support. Does the system say so, or answer anyway?

In research, a flagged gap is often the correct result.

HOW CONTOURS ANSWERS

Evidence-bounded answers. Contours refuses when the evidence is insufficient.

TEST 5 OF 5

Accountability before action

WHAT TO ASK

Where does a person commit to the conclusion, and is that step visible afterwards?

DEFINE → REASON → COMMIT → ACT

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You define the research scope first. Reports can be saved and re-run as new documents arrive.

RUN IT YOURSELF

Test it on your own questions.

Take 50–100 real questions from your team. Include known answers, conflicting evidence, restricted documents and questions with no answer.

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